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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Applicant: L. Todd Ramsey and Randal D. Drennan  
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Title: Enhanced Dryer-Cleaner Combination and Process For Cotton Gins

Group/A.U. 3765  
Examiner Gary Welch

Amendment

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
And Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir,

Applicants respond to the Official Action of August 23, 2001 as follows:

**Extension of time:** A petition for an extension of time of one month for this response is attached to this amendment.

**The restriction requirement:** Applicants hereby affirm the prior election of claims 1-9 and state that a continuation application may be filed to pursue claims 10-14 directed solely to the dryer. No amendment of inventorship is necessitated by reason of this affirmation.

**The drawings:** To obviate the drawing objections, please substitute the attached new drawings, Figures 2 and 5 for those previously filed in this case. In Figure 2, the inclined cleaner has been eliminated but the lint cleaners 24 have not. Consistent with the specifications, the lint cleaners are retained because they may still be used—even though such use may well be reduced by use of this invention. See specification, page 2, lines 12 +. In Figure 5, numeral 96 has been changed to numeral 92 to be consistent with the specifications and the number 90 has been added to the specification so as to be consistent with Figure 5 of the drawings.

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